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SUBJECT: USDA CROP SUBSTITUTION WORK IN PAKISTAN

SUMMARY: WITH EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, USDA WILL PROCEED WITH
STEPS TO RETURN DR. CORNELIUS TO BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND.

UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT GOP COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM FOR REPLACING
OPIUM POPPY WITH OTHER AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES TAKES MORE
POSITIVE TURN CORNELIUS CAN MANAGE ONGOING PROJECTS THROUGH
TDY TRAVEL FROM BELTSVILLE. END OF SUMMARY.

1. USDA BELIEVES CORNELIUS CAN DO EFFECTIVE JOB FROM
BELTSVILLE OF PROVIDING PLANT MATERIALS, SCIENTIFIC EQUIP-
MENT, SUPPLIES, AND SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE NOT AVAILABLE IN
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PAKISTAN, AND PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE TO THE DOZEN CROP
SUBSTITUTION RESEARCH PROJECTS NOW UNDER WAY IN PAKISTAN.
THREE OR FOUR VISITS OF THREE TO FIVE WEEKS EACH AT APPRO-
PRIATE TIMES DURING THE YEAR, PLUS CORRESPONDENCE, SHOULD
GIVE DESIRABLE COVERAGE UNTIL MOVEMENT ON PART OF GOP INDI-
CATES WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION AND EXTENSION
PHASE OF TAKING RESEARCH RESULTS TO THE ILLICIT POPPY

GROWER. USDA WILL, OF COURSE, RELY ON EMBASSY TO SIGNAL GOP CHANGE THAT MAY INDICATE EXPANDED NEED FOR USDA INPUT. MEANWHILE, CORNELIUS CAN HELP OUT WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF USDA'S NARCOTICS PROGRAM.

2. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR CORNELIUS TO HAVE A CAR AND DRIVER AVAILABLE DURING HIS TDY VISITS TO PAKISTAN. WE HAVE PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT WITH MR. ALVIN GILBERT, AGATT, TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AND USE OF CORNELIUS' CAR AND DRIVER ON A COST-SHARING BASIS AND MAKE BOTH AVAILABLE TO CORNELIUS AS NEEDED. THIS TENTATIVE VERBAL AGREEMENT WILL BE CONFIRMED BY LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOREIGN AGRICULTURE SERVICE (FAS) AND THE SCIENCE AND EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION (SEA), THE TWO USDA AGENCIES INVOLVED.

3. CORNELIUS, AND OTHER USDA STAFF, WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH ANY COMBINATION OF THE GOP AND OUTSIDE FUNDING AGENCIES IN PLANNING AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO A PROGRAM WHICH WILL EFFECT THE ELIMINATION OF ILLICIT POPPY PRODUCTION THROUGH ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES.

4. USDA PLANS TO ISSUE ORDERS FOR CORNELIUS' MOVE BACK TO THE U.S. AS SOON AS EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IS RECEIVED. VANCE

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